



## **Japan**

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In 2012-2013, 5,758 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in Japan.

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### **Education System Overview**

**Academic year:** April - March

**Major school holidays/break:**

- July – mid/end of September
- Beginning of February – end of March
- End of December – beginning of January
- End of April – beginning of May

**Major exam period:** End of January – mid March

### **Structure of the university system:**

**The language of instruction in universities:** Japanese

**Degrees offered:** Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate, and professional degree

### **RESOURCES**

Ministry of Education, Culture Science Sports, and Technology (MEXT)

Website: <http://www.mext.go.jp/english/a05.htm>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

Website: <http://www.mofa.go.jp>

Japan Network for International Education (JAFSA)

Website: <http://www.jafsa.org/en>

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

Website: [http://www.jasso.go.jp/index\\_e.html](http://www.jasso.go.jp/index_e.html)

Japan Association of Overseas Studies (JAOS)

Website: <http://www.jaos.or.jp/english/index.html>



### **Know Before You Go**

- [How to Apply for Your U.S. Passport](#)
- [Japan Travel Information](#)

### **U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs**

- [Fulbright-Hays Program](#)
- [American Council of Young Political Leaders \(ACYPL\)](#)
- [Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#)
- [U.S.—Japan Tomodachi](#)
- [Team Up U.S.--Japan](#)
- [Gilman Scholarship Program](#)
- [Critical Language Scholarship Program](#)